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**Review and appraisal of progress made in the
implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the
Beijing Platform for Action**

**Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to
the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action**

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered various paragraphs of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its ____ meeting, on 9 June 2000.
2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:
 - (a) Paragraph 51 *bis* was deleted;
 - (b) Paragraph 107 (g) *ter* was replaced by paragraphs 94, 95 and 96 of the Beijing Platform for Action;
 - (c) Paragraph 121 (c) was deleted;
 - (d) Paragraph 130 (c) was amended to read:

“Increase awareness and knowledge of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which affirms that rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization and other forms of sexual violence constitute war crimes and, in defined circumstances, crimes against humanity, with the aim of preventing such crimes from occurring; take measures to support prosecution of all persons responsible for such crimes and provide avenues for redress to victims; and also increase awareness of the extent to which such crimes are used as a weapon of war”;



(e) Paragraph 132 (e) was amended to read:

“Encourage, through the media and other means, a high level of awareness of the harmful effects of certain traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women, some of which increase their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, and intensify efforts to eliminate such practices”;

(f) Paragraph 132 (f) was amended to read:

“Take the necessary measures to protect individuals, groups and organs of society engaged in promoting and protecting women’s rights”;

(g) Paragraph 132 (g) was amended to read:

“Encourage States parties to continue to include a gender perspective in their reports to the treaty bodies; also encourage these bodies to continue to take into account a gender perspective in the implementation of their mandates, taking into account the need to avoid unnecessary duplication and overlapping of their work; and further encourage human rights mechanisms to continue to take a gender perspective into account in their work”;

(h) Paragraph 133 (f) was amended to read:

“Consider signing and ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court”;

(i) Paragraph 133 (n) was amended to read:

“Take measures to ensure the protection of refugees, especially women and girls, and their access to and the provision of gender-sensitive appropriate basic social services, including education and health”;

(j) Paragraph 137 (a) was merged with paragraph 119 (a);

(k) Paragraph 137 (b) was inserted as paragraph 133 (k);

(l) Paragraph 133 (k) was amended to read:

“Provide support to and empower women who play an important role within their families as stabilizing factors in conflict and post-conflict situations”;

(m) Paragraph 137 (c) was merged with paragraph 105 (a) and inserted as paragraph 104 (e);

(n) Paragraph 138 (a) was amended to read:

“Promote programmes for healthy active ageing that stress the independence, equality, participation and security of older women, and undertake gender-specific research and programmes to address their needs”;

(o) Paragraph 138 (b) was merged with paragraph 115 (c);

(p) Paragraph 138 (c) was amended to read:

“As a matter of priority, especially in those countries most affected, and in partnership with NGOs, wherever possible, intensify education, services and community-based mobilization strategies to protect women of all ages from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including through the

development of safe, affordable, effective and easily accessible female-controlled methods, including methods such as microbicides and female condoms that protect against sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS; voluntary and confidential HIV testing and counselling, and the promotion of responsible sexual behaviour, including abstinence and condom use; and the development of vaccines, simple low-cost diagnosis and single-dose treatments for sexually transmitted infections”;

(q) Paragraph 138 (d) was amended to read:

“Provide access to adequate and affordable treatment, monitoring and care for all people, especially women and girls, infected with sexually transmitted infections or living with life-threatening diseases, including HIV/AIDS and associated opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis; provide other services, including adequate housing and social protection, including during pregnancy and breastfeeding; assist boys and girls orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and provide gender-sensitive support systems for women and other family members who are involved in caring for persons affected by serious health conditions, including HIV/AIDS”;

(r) Paragraph 138 (e) was merged with paragraph 138 (d);

(s) Paragraph 138 (f) was deleted;

(t) A new paragraph was added at the end, reading:

“Encourage partnerships between Governments and NGOs in the implementation of commitments made at the Fourth World Conference on Women and other United Nations world conferences and summits in order to promote gender equality, development and peace in the twenty-first century.”